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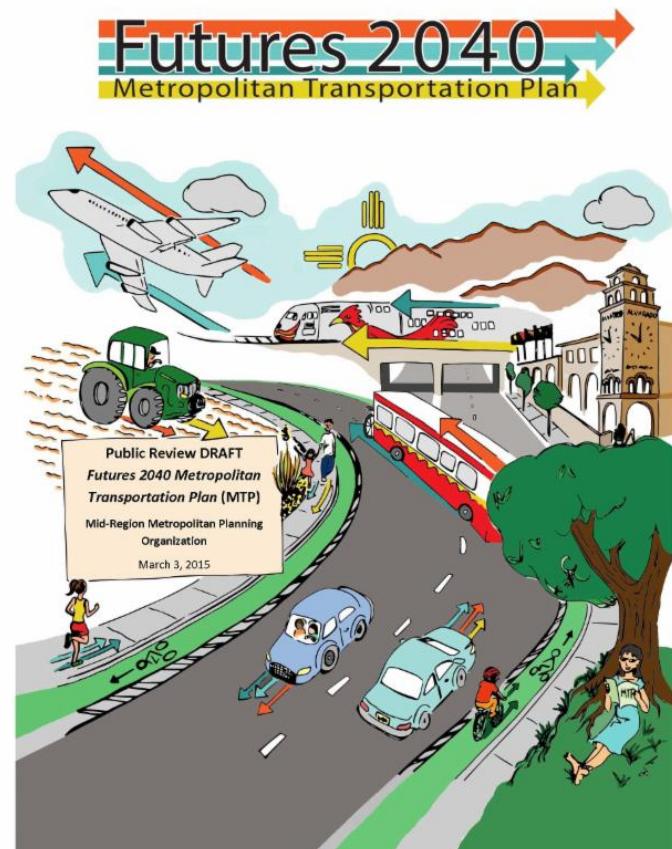
MRMPO and MRCOG Transportation News

Final Draft Futures 2040 MTP and FFY 2016-2021 TIP going to Metropolitan Transportation Board for Adoption on April 17

The official public comment period has closed for the final drafts of the *Futures 2040 MTP* and FFY 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). However, comments received up until April 17 will still be taken.

The *Futures 2040 MTP* and the FFY 2016-2021 TIP will be presented to the Metropolitan Transportation Board for adoption on Friday, April 17 at 10 am in the MRCOG Board Room.

The *Futures 2040 MTP* document and the FFY 2016-2021 TIP are available for review at the MRCOG office, on the MRCOG [website](#), and at the Main Albuquerque Public Library, the Main Rio Rancho Public Library, and the Belen and Los Lunas public libraries.





2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

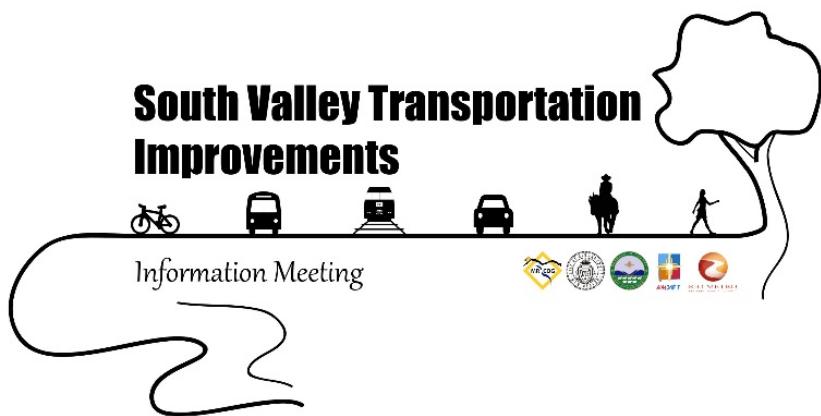
Additional information on the MTP can be found [here](#); additional information on the TIP can be found [here](#).

Transportation Improvements for South Valley Highlighted in Meeting

The Mid Region Metropolitan Planning Organization facilitated a South Valley Transportation Improvements Meeting on April 2, 2015 at US Foods to highlight various transportation

projects that will be implemented in the near future for the South Valley community. Local elected officials who represent the South Valley from the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County--along with representatives from the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Bernalillo County-Public Works and City of Albuquerque-ABQ Ride--were on hand to talk about their respective plans and projects.

South Valley Transportation Improvements



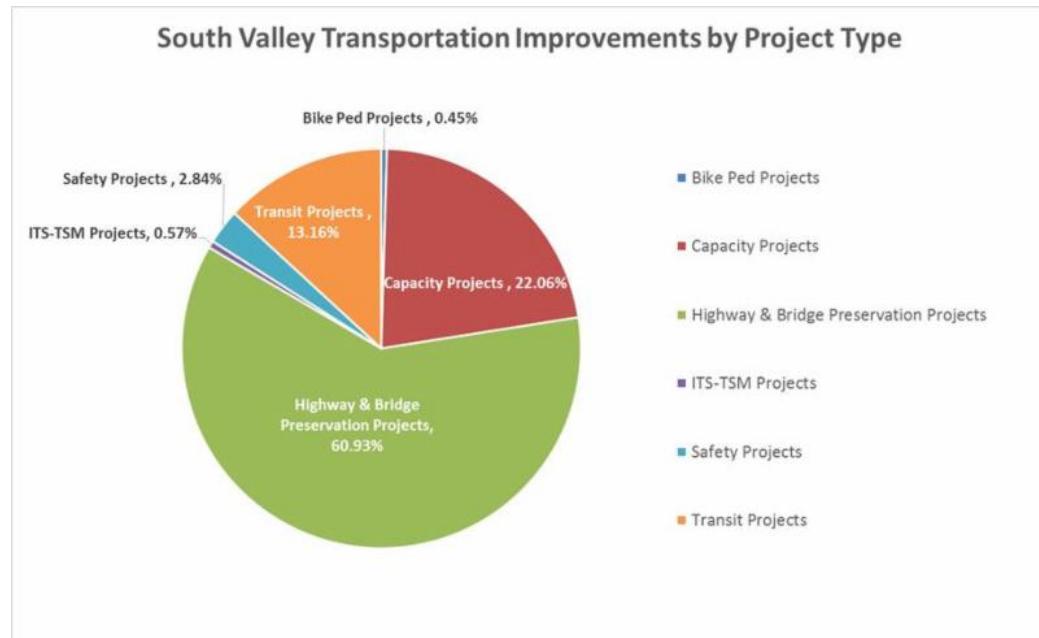
South Valley Transportation Improvements by Project Type

Project Type	Total Federal + Match Amounts	Percentage by Project Type
Bike Ped Projects	\$948,230	0.45%
Capacity Projects	\$46,586,997	22.06%
Highway & Bridge Preservation Projects	\$128,689,278	60.93%
ITS-TSM Projects	\$1,200,000	0.57%
Safety Projects	\$5,991,483	2.84%
Transit Projects	\$27,790,154	13.16%
Total	\$211,206,142	100.00%

Currently, there are over 20 transportation projects slated for implementation within the South Valley over the next seven years to maintain and improve mobility. There are various project types from multiple agencies programmed for funding in the FFY 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and future FFY 2016-2021 TIP. These future transportation projects translate into more than \$200 million

dollars' worth of investment for the South Valley community. The table above and the pie chart below show the breakdown of funds by project type.

You can view the South Valley transportation improvements story map [here](#). The story map gives a brief overview of all projects.



Bike Share Pilot Program begins Signing up Members on April 22 along with other Activities for Earth Day on Civic Plaza



On Earth Day, April 22, Albuquerque's new bike share pilot program (launching in May), will begin signing up members in conjunction with other activities taking place on Civic Plaza for Earth Day. Bike share founding members will receive a FREE bicycle helmet!

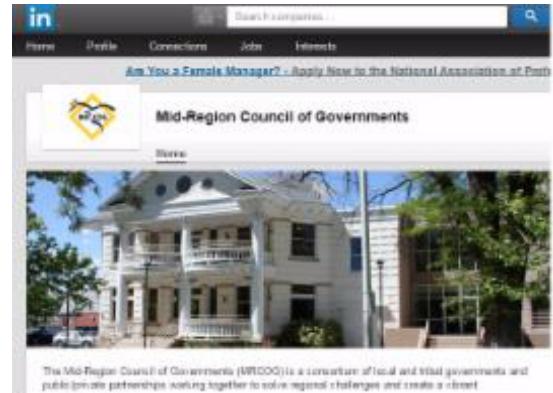
The DowntownABQ MainStreet Initiative will need help planting downtown's Civic Plaza with drought-tolerant, colorful plants as part of **Civic Plaza Presents: Plant the Plaza!** This project will kick off a new Civic Plaza placemaking initiative to be announced that day as well as other fabulous Earth Day programming. Interested people [can sign up for a shift here](#). Other tasks will include watering and labeling all plants. All materials and tools will be provided, as well as water, snacks, and swag for volunteers.

MRCOG Upping its Presence on LinkedIn

MRCOG has recently updated its company page on the social media site, LinkedIn, and will be posting updates as a part of all MRCOG outreach efforts. MRCOG's LinkedIn Company Page can be found [here](#). In addition, [MRMPO has its own "Showcase Page"](#) on the MRCOG profile. You can now follow, like or share MRCOG on LinkedIn.

LinkedIn is a professional platform hosting information about people, companies, industries and more. Recent statistics show that LinkedIn has more than 347 million

global professional members. On LinkedIn, users can follow companies for news, insights and product information.



TIP Quarterly Amendment Proposal Deadline April 18

Reminder: the lead agencies' deadline for submission of TIP amendment proposals is 5pm on April 18, 2015. For any questions, contact Steven Montiel at smontiel@mrcog-nm.gov or 505-724-3633.

Transportation News

Rio Metro Adds Bus Route to UNM Valencia Campus

The Rio Metro Regional Transit District introduced a new bus route on Monday, April 6 that connects the Los Lunas Transportation Center to the UNM Valencia Campus. Route 209 features five trips to and from campus each day with additional stops at the intersections of NM 6/NM 47 and NM 47/North El Cerro Loop. Originating from the [Valencia County Service Improvement Plan](#), Route 209 is a pilot project that tests the viability of serving one of Valencia County's most popular Dial-a-Ride destinations with a regularly scheduled bus route that does not require advanced reservations.

Read Route 209 schedule and information [here](#).



Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Training Workshops being held this Spring

The Department of Finance & Administration/Local Government Division (DFA/LGD) is hosting ICIP training workshops throughout the state this spring. The workshops are free and open to all and will help communities develop their Fiscal Year 2017-2021 ICIP. More information can be found on the [DFA/LGD website](#). The registration

form including the dates and locations of all trainings, can be found [here](#).

Calendar

April Calendar

Metropolitan Transportation Board Meeting	Fri., Apr. 17, 10-11:30am	MRCOG Board Room
Rio Metro Board Meeting	Fri., Apr. 17, noon	MRCOG Board Room

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